

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1067

To provide for the establishment of a memorial at the site in Alaquá, Florida, of the accidental bombing of a home by an aircraft of the United States Army Air Corps on August 11, 1944, which killed Alfred Cosson, James Cosson, James Cosson, Jr., and Winnie Lee Cosson and wounded five other family members.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 2003

Mr. MILLER of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF MEMORIAL, COSSON**
2 **HOMESTEAD, ALAQUA, FLORIDA, SITE OF AC-**
3 **CIDENTAL BOMBING IN AUGUST 1944.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE.—The Sec-
5 retary of the Air Force shall establish and maintain a me-
6 morial in honor of the victims of the accidental bombing
7 of the James and Annie Bell Cosson home near Alaquua,
8 Florida, on August 11, 1944, by an aircraft of the United
9 States Army Air Corps, which killed Alfred Cosson, James
10 Cosson, James Cosson, Jr., and Winnie Lee Cosson and
11 wounded five other family members. The Secretary shall
12 place the memorial at or in the vicinity of the site of the
13 accidental bombing, the former Cosson home.

14 (b) CONSULTATION WITH COSSON FAMILY MEM-
15 BERS.—In preparing the design and inscription for the
16 memorial, and in selecting the site for the memorial, the
17 Secretary shall consult with the three members of the
18 Cosson family who were wounded in the bombing and re-
19 main alive as of the date of the enactment of this Act,
20 David, Frank, and Thomas Cosson, and other representa-
21 tives of the Cosson family designated by the three sur-
22 vivors.

23 (c) FUNDING FOR MEMORIAL.—The Secretary shall
24 use funds appropriated for operation and maintenance for

- 1 the Air Force to acquire (if necessary) the site for the
- 2 memorial and to establish and maintain the memorial.

